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Under paragraph 1.62 of Rules of Practice in Patent Cases, a "File Wrapper" Continuation Application is herewith filed.

Claims 1-46 are all cancelled, and new claims 47-55 are presented. All claims as currently pending are presented by way of the attached document entitled <u>CLAIMS in FWC of Serial No.</u> <u>07/798,869</u>.

Also attached hereto is Statement re Small Entity Status as well as a check for \$345.00 (Check \$4184) to cover the application fee.

REMARKS

New claims 47-55 are all directed toward features that are neither diclosed nor suggested by any of the cited references.

For instance, claim 47 defines an inverter output voltage whose waveform is carefully defined to have four distinct time segments -- just as does the waveform of Canup's Fig. 4. However, the inverter providing this inverter output voltage has a periodically conducting transistor that does <u>not</u> conduct current at any time during the parts of the waveform when the instantaneous magnitude is either rising or falling. This feature is in direct contrast with Canup, who accomplishes the gradually